

Amendments to the Claims:

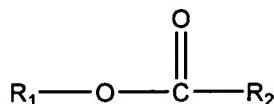
This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

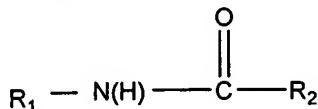
1. (Currently amended) A nematicidal composition comprising:

(a) an effective amount of a compound having the formula

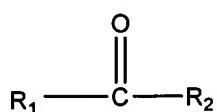
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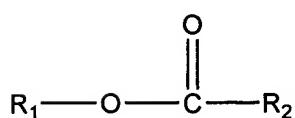
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wherein:

~~R<sub>1</sub> = H, a cation or a C1-C5 substituted or unsubstituted carbon chain, wherein the substituents are selected from the group consisting of: hydroxy, halogen, amino, cyano, cyclopropane, epoxy and a substituted or unsubstituted C1-C2 carbon chain; and~~

$R_2$  = a C15-C19 substituted or unsubstituted carbon chain having a *cis* or *trans* double bond between the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> carbons counting from the carbonyl (C=O) carbon and either: (i) a triple bond between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> carbons counting from the carbonyl (C=O) carbon or (ii) either a single or double bond between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> carbons and at least one substituent substituent at one or both of the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> carbons, wherein the substituents substituents are selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, oxo, halogen, amino, cyano, azido, cyclopropane, cyclopropene, epoxy and a substituted or unsubstituted C1-C2 carbon chain; and

(b) an aqueous surfactant.

2-3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently amended) The nematicidal composition of claim 1 wherein  $R_1$  is a C1-C5 substituted or unsubstituted carbon chain, wherein the substituents substituents are selected from the group consisting of: hydroxy, halogen, amino, cyano, cyclopropane, epoxy and an unsubstituted C1-C2 carbon chain.

5. (Currently amended) The nematicidal composition of claim 1 wherein the C1-C2 carbon chain of one or both of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  is substituted and the substituents substituents are selected from the group consisting of: hydroxy, halogen, amino, cyano, and epoxy.

6. (Currently amended) The nematicidal composition of claim 1 wherein the C1-C2 carbon chain of one or both of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  is substituted and the substituents substituents are selected from the group consisting of: hydroxy, halogen, and amino.

7. (Previously presented) The nematicidal composition of claim 1 wherein  $R_1$  is a substituted C1 methyl.

8. (Currently amended) The nematicidal composition of claim 1 wherein R<sub>1</sub> is a C1-C2 substituted or unsubstituted carbon chain.

9. (Currently amended) The nematicidal composition of claim 1 wherein R<sub>2</sub> is a C15-C19 substituted or unsubstituted carbon chain having a *cis* or *trans* double bond between the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> carbons counting from the carbonyl (C=O) carbon and either: (i) a triple bond between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> carbons counting from the carbonyl (C=O) carbon or (ii) either a single or double bond between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> carbons and at least one ~~substituant~~ substituent at one or both of the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> carbons, wherein the ~~substituants~~ substituents are selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, oxo, halogen, amino, cyano, azido, cyclopropane, cyclopropene, epoxy and an unsubstituted C1-C2 carbon chain.

10. (Currently amended) The nematicidal composition of claim 1 wherein the C1-C2 carbon chain of R<sub>2</sub> is substituted and the ~~substituants~~ substituents are selected from the group consisting of: hydroxy, oxo, halogen, amino, cyano, azido, and epoxy.

11. (Currently amended) The nematicidal composition of claim 1 wherein the C1-C2 carbon chain of R<sub>2</sub> is substituted and the ~~substituants~~ substituents are selected from the group consisting of: hydroxy, oxo, halogen, azido, and amino.

12. (Previously presented) The nematicidal composition of claim 1 wherein the C1-C2 carbon chain of R<sub>2</sub> is singly substituted.

13-14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously presented) The nematicidal composition of claim 1 wherein R<sub>2</sub> is substituted only at one or both of 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> carbons counting from the carbonyl (C=O) carbon.

16. (Previously presented) The nematicidal composition of claim 15 wherein R<sub>2</sub> is substituted only at the 12<sup>th</sup> carbon counting from the carbonyl (C=O) carbon.

17. (Previously presented) The nematicidal composition of claim 15 wherein R<sub>2</sub> is substituted only at the 13<sup>th</sup> carbon counting from the carbonyl (C=O) carbon.

18. (Currently amended) The nematicidal composition of claim 15 wherein within R<sub>2</sub> the substituants substituents are polar and are selected from the group consisting of: hydroxy, oxo, epoxy, halogen, amino, cyano and azido.

19. (Currently amended) The nematicidal composition of claim 15 wherein within R<sub>2</sub> the substituants substituents are hydrogen bond acceptors and are selected from the group consisting of: hydroxy, oxo, epoxy, amino, cyano and azido.

20. (Currently amended) The nematicidal composition of claim 15 wherein within R<sub>2</sub> the substituants substituents are selected from the group consisting of: hydroxy, oxo and epoxy.

21. (Currently amended) A nematicidal composition comprising:

(a) ~~a fatty acid or salt or an ester or amide or aldehyde or ketone of a compound~~ selected from the group consisting of: ricinoleic acid, ricinelaidic acid, 12-oxo-9(Z)-octadecenoic acid, 12-oxo-9(E)-octadecenoic acid, (12,13)-epoxy-trans-9-octadecenoic acid and vernolic acid; and

(b) an aqueous surfactant.

22. (Previously presented) The nematicidal composition of claim 1 or claim 21 wherein the aqueous surfactant is selected from the group consisting of: ethyl lactate, Span 20, Span 40,

Span 80, Span 85, Tween 20, Tween 40, Tween 80, Tween 85, Triton X 100, Makon 10, Igepal CO 630, Brij 35, Brij 97, Tergitol TMN 6, Dowfax 3B2, Physan and Toximul TA 15.

23. (Previously presented) The nematicidal composition of claim 1 or claim 21 wherein the composition further comprises: (c) a permeation enhancer.

24. (Previously presented) The nematicidal composition of claim 23 wherein the permeation enhancer is a cyclodextrin.

25. (Previously presented) The nematicidal composition of claim 1 or claim 21 where the composition further comprises:

(c) a co-solvent.

26. (Previously presented) The nematicidal composition of claim 25 wherein the co-solvent is selected from the group consisting of: isopropanol, acetone, 1,2-propanediol, a petroleum based-oil and a mineral oil.

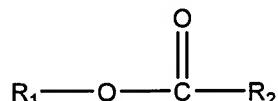
27. (Previously presented) The nematicidal composition of claim 1 or claim 21 further comprising a nematicide selected from the group consisting of: avermectins, milbemycin, aldicarb, oxamyl, fenamiphos, fosthiazate and metam sodium.

28. (Previously presented) The nematicidal composition of claim 1 or claim 21 further comprising an inhibitor of oxidation.

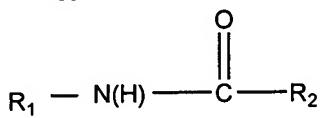
29. (Previously presented) The nematicidal composition of claim 28 wherein the inhibitor of oxidation is selected from the group consisting of: butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA) and butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT).

30. (Currently amended) The nematicidal composition of claim 1 wherein the composition comprises at least two different compounds having the formula

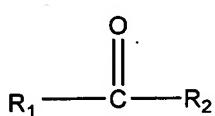
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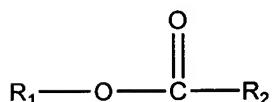
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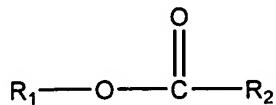
R<sub>1</sub> = H, a cation or a C1-C5 substituted or unsubstituted carbon chain, wherein the substituants substituents are selected from the group consisting of: hydroxy, halogen, amino, cyano, cyclopropane, epoxy and a substituted or unsubstituted C1-C2 carbon chain; and

R<sub>2</sub> = a C15-C19 substituted or unsubstituted carbon chain having a *cis* or *trans* double bond between the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> carbons counting from the carbonyl (C=O) carbon and either: (i) a triple bond between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> carbons counting from the carbonyl (C=O) carbon or (ii) either a single or double bond between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> carbons and at least one substituant substituent at one or both of the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> carbons, wherein the substituants substituents are selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, oxo, halogen, amino, cyano, azido, cyclopropane, cyclopropene, epoxy and a substituted or unsubstituted C1-C2 carbon chain.

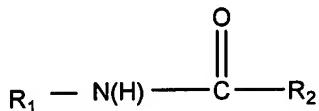
31. (Currently amended) A method for control of unwanted nematodes, the method comprising administering to a vertebrate, a plant, a seed or soil a composition comprising:

(a) a compound having the formula

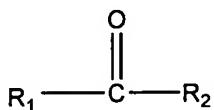
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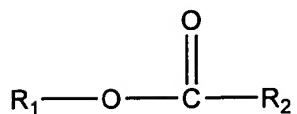
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wherein:

R<sub>1</sub> = H, a cation or a C1-C5 substituted or unsubstituted carbon chain, wherein the substituents substituents are selected from the group consisting of: hydroxy, halogen, amino, cyano, cyclopropane, epoxy and a substituted or unsubstituted C1-C2 carbon chain; and

R<sub>2</sub> = a C15-C19 substituted or unsubstituted carbon chain having a *cis* or *trans* double bond between the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> carbons counting from the carbonyl (C=O) carbon and either: (i) a triple bond between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> carbons counting from the carbonyl (C=O) carbon or (ii) either a single or double bond between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> carbons and at least one substituent

substituent at one or both of the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> carbons, wherein the substituants substituents are selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, oxo, halogen, amino, cyano, azido, cyclopropane, cyclopropene, epoxy and a substituted or unsubstituted C1-C2 carbon chain; and

(b) an aqueous surfactant.

32-33. (Canceled)

34. (Currently amended) The method of claim 31 wherein R<sub>1</sub> is a C1-C5 substituted or unsubstituted carbon chain, wherein the substituants substituents are selected from the group consisting of: hydroxy, halogen, amino, cyano, cyclopropane, epoxy and an unsubstituted C1-C2 carbon chain.

35. (Currently amended) The method of claim 31 wherein the C1-C2 carbon chain of one or both of R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> is substituted and the substituants substituents are selected from the group consisting of: hydroxy, halogen, amino, cyano, and epoxy.

36. (Currently amended) The method of claim 31 wherein the C1-C2 carbon chain of one or both of R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> is substituted and the substituants substituents are selected from the group consisting of: hydroxy, halogen, and amino.

37. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31 wherein R<sub>1</sub> is a substituted C1 methyl.

38. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31 wherein R<sub>1</sub> is a C1-C2 substituted or unsubstituted carbon chain.

39. (Currently amended) The method of claim 31 wherein R<sub>2</sub> is a C15-C19 substituted or unsubstituted carbon chain having a *cis* or *trans* double bond between the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> carbons

counting from the carbonyl (C=O) carbon and either: (i) a triple bond between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> carbons counting from the carbonyl (C=O) carbon or (ii) either a single or double bond between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> carbons and at least one substituant substituent at one or both of the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> carbons, wherein the substituants substituents are selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, oxo, halogen, amino, cyano, azido, cyclopropane, cyclopropene, epoxy and an unsubstituted C1-C2 carbon chain.

40. (Currently amended) The method of claim 31 wherein the C1-C2 carbon chain of R<sub>2</sub> is substituted and the substituants substituents are selected from the group consisting of: hydroxy, oxo, halogen, amino, cyano, azido, and epoxy.

41. (Currently amended) The method of claim 31 wherein the C1-C2 carbon chain of R<sub>2</sub> is substituted and the substituants substituents are selected from the group consisting of: hydroxy, oxo, halogen, azido, and amino.

42. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31 wherein the C1-C2 carbon chain of R<sub>2</sub> is singly substituted.

43-44. (Canceled)

45. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31 wherein R<sub>2</sub> is substituted only at one or both of 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> carbons counting from the carbonyl (C=O) carbon.

46. (Previously presented) The method of claim 45 wherein R<sub>2</sub> is substituted only at the 12<sup>th</sup> carbon counting from the carbonyl (C=O) carbon.

47. (Previously presented) The method of claim 45 wherein R<sub>2</sub> is substituted only at the 13<sup>th</sup> carbon counting from the carbonyl (C=O) carbon.

48. (Currently amended) The method of claim 45 wherein within R<sub>2</sub> the substituants substituents are polar and are selected from the group consisting of: hydroxy, oxo, epoxy, halogen, amino, cyano and azido.

49. (Currently amended) The method of claim 45 wherein within R<sub>2</sub> the substituants substituents are hydrogen bond acceptors and are selected from the group consisting of: hydroxy, oxo, epoxy, amino, cyano and azido.

50. (Currently amended) The method of claim 45 wherein within R<sub>2</sub> the substituants substituents are selected from the group consisting of: hydroxy, oxo and epoxy.

51. (Currently amended) A method for control of unwanted nematodes, the method comprising administering to a vertebrate, plant, seed or soil a composition comprising:

(a) ~~a fatty acid or salt or an ester or amide or aldehyde or ketone of a compound~~ selected from the group consisting of: ricinoleic acid, ricinelaic acid, 12-oxo-9(Z)-octadecenoic acid, 12-oxo-9(E)-octadecenoic acid, (12,13)-epoxy-trans-9-octadecenoic acid and vernolic acid; and

(b) an aqueous surfactant.

52. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31 or claim 51 wherein the aqueous surfactant is selected from the group consisting of: ethyl lactate, Span 20, Span 40, Span 80, Span 85, Tween 20, Tween 40, Tween 80, Tween 85, Triton X 100, Makon 10, Igepal CO 630, Brij 35, Brij 97, Tergitol TMN 6, Dowfax 3B2, Physan and Toximul TA 15.

53. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31 or claim 51 wherein the composition further comprises:

(c) a permeation enhancer.

54. (Previously presented) The method of claim 53 wherein the permeation enhancer is a cyclodextrin.

55. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31 or claim 51 wherein the composition further comprises:

(c) a co-solvent.

56. (Previously presented) The method of claim 55 wherein the co-solvent is selected from the group consisting of: isopropanol, acetone, 1,2-propanediol, a petroleum based-oil and a mineral oil.

57. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31 or claim 51 further comprising a nematicide selected from the group consisting of: avermectins, milbemycin, aldicarb, oxamyl, fenamiphos, fosthiazate and metam sodium.

58. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31 or claim 51 further comprising an inhibitor of oxidation.

59. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31 or claim 51 wherein the inhibitor of oxidation is selected from the group consisting of: butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA) and butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT).

60. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31 or claim 51 wherein the nematode infects plants and the composition is applied to the soil or to plants.

61. (Previously presented) The method of claim 60 wherein the composition is applied to soil before planting.

62. (Previously presented) The method of claim 60 wherein the composition is applied to soil after planting.

63. (Previously presented) The method of claim 60 wherein the composition is applied to soil using a drip system.

64. (Previously presented) The method of claim 60 wherein the composition is applied to soil using a drench system.

65. (Previously presented) The method of claim 60 wherein the composition is applied to plant roots.

66. (Previously presented) The method of claim 60 wherein the composition is applied to seeds.

67. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31 or claim 51 wherein the nematode infects a vertebrate.

68. (Previously presented) The method of claim 67 wherein the vertebrate is a mammal.

69. (Previously presented) The method of claim 67 wherein the vertebrate is a bird.

70. (Previously presented) The method of claim 67 wherein the composition is administered to non-human mammal.

71. (Previously presented) The method of claim 67 wherein the composition is administered to a human.

72. (Previously presented) The method of claim 67 wherein the composition is formulated as a drench to be administered to a non-human vertebrate.

73. (Previously presented) The method of claim 67 wherein the composition is formulated as an orally administered drug.

74. (Previously presented) The method of claim 67 wherein the composition is formulated as an injectable drug.

75-84. (Canceled)